(vii) Withdrawal of false police cases and stoppage of police interference;

(viii) Issue of permanent Ration Cards to all labourers; and

(ix) Regularisation of jhuggi colonies and provision of basic amenities.

The above demands of the Federation are under consideration of the Government.

Ban on trollies at Railway Station

1172. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways imposed ban in 1985 for providing/sanction of additional New stalls and Trollies at New Delhi, Delhi and Nizamuddin Stations to avoid congestion on the platforms;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after this ban, two Nescafe Coffee, Two Rasika Drinks, two H.M.P. Drinks, one MP Milk Products, one Geeta Press and seven departmental catering stalls have been provided at New Delhi Stations under direct orders of Ministry of Railways; and

(c) if so, what is the criteria in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir. A ban was imposed on the increase in the number of stalls etc. by the Zonal Railways.

(b) Stalls for milk products, Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Limited and Geet Press as well as installation of automatic Coffee Vending machines at New Delhi Railway Station were sanctioned by this Ministry and not by the Zonal Railway. Ministry of Railways, however, neither sanctioned any Rasika stall nor did it permit increase in departmental stalls.

(c) These were sanctioned to meet the requirements of the passengers.

Restriction for obtaining Book-stalls

1173. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any restriction to an Association of unemployed graduates (containing 7 to 11 members) for obtaining book-stalls on two or three Zonal Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) There is no such restriction. However, Book-stall contracts are allotted to eligible categories including associations of unemployed graduates on merits subject to an over-all limit of 12 Book-stalls.

Supply of Newspapers in the Shatabdi Express

1174. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Board has issued instructions to the Railways for supply of Daily Newspapers in the Shatabdi Express trains to passengers free of charge through Book-stall contractors of the station;

(b) if so, what are the names of the contractors who have been permitted to do so;

(c) what is the critera fixed for payment of Newspapers bills to the contractors; and

(d) whether any amount of Newspaper Bills submitted by the contractors are withheld by the Delhi and Ambala Division, North Railway, for payment if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Instructions were issued to Northern Railway to supply newspapers in Shatabdi Express trains.